



Waiehu Kou 3 Subdivision: First DHHL Project Under New Administration

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) and WK3 LLC, a Dowling Company entity, held a groundbreaking ceremony for Maui's third Waiehu Kou subdivision in early June. Governor Linda Lingle, Mayor Alan Arakawa, Hawaiian Homes Commission Chairman Micah Kane and Waiehu residents were among the 200-plus participants in the event for Waiehu Kou 3, which is DHHL's first project under the state's new administration.

"The groundbreaking of Waiehu Kou 3 is very special to all of us at DHHL," said Micah Kane, chairman and director of DHHL. "Our successful association with Dowling Company brings us a step closer to our goal of getting native Hawaiian families off the waiting list and on the land within the next five years." Maui County has the second highest number of native Hawaiians on DHHL's waiting list.

When complete, the new subdivision will encompass a total of 115 single-family lots. It will provide 77 two, three and four-bedroom affordable turnkey houses for sale and 38 vacant lots for owner-builder construction, wherein lot owners construct their houses to match their financial capability. The average size of each lot is 8,000 square feet with homes ranging in cost from \$99,850 to \$169,850. Lot selections were made last December, with new homeowners slated to move in by early fall next year.

"We are proud to work again with DHHL to develop this project for Maui's Hawaiian

community," said Everett Dowling, president of Dowling Company. "It is gratifying to know that, with communities like Waiehu Kou, native Hawaiian families will have the opportunity to build and purchase new homes of their own." Dowling Company also developed Waiehu Kou 2, Maui's first developer built DHHL project, and, with the completion of this third phase, will have contributed a total of 176 new homes for Hawaiians in the Waiehu area.

"The groundbreaking of Waiehu Kou 3 is very touching for me," said Aubrey Nu, a future resident of the subdivision who was a named beneficiary for a home by her father. "I have been living away on the mainland for



Developer Everett Dowling and HHC Chairman Micah Kane team together in the blessing of the Waiehu Kou 3 groundbreaking ceremony. The new Maui subdivision will encompass 115 single-family lots.

many years and now I finally have the opportunity to return to Maui where I belong with my family."

Dowling Company has partnered with Hawai'i Community Lending to assist families with applying for and attaining home loans. When it developed the 109 houses in the Waiehu Kou 2 project, Dowling Company secured \$500,000 in federal grants to support buyers with down payments and closing costs.

Waiehu, on Maui's northern shore, boasts a rich cultural heritage celebrated in numerous Hawaiian chants and songs. Waiehu was known collectively, along with Wailuku, Waihe'e and Waikapū, as *Nā Wai 'Ehā* for the flowing waters in those areas. Famed, too, are Waiehu's winds, which are said to be whispering.

Dedicated to "Building in Balance," Dowling Company is proud of its product balance ranging from affordable to luxury residential development. Some of the company's most noted developments include Maui's only privately developed public school, Kamali'i Elementary School; Waiehu Kou 2 Hawaiian Home Lands project; One Palaeua Bay; and the Kulamalu project, which includes the Maui Campus of the Kamehameha Schools.

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Native Hawaiian Organizations Unite to Educate On Federal Recognition and Threatening Lawsuits

A lot of people have been asking the Department what we think about the Arakaki v. Lingle lawsuit and the Akaka Bill. For all of you who have asked or thought to ask, we hope that you attended one of the informational meetings that the State Council of Hawaiian Homestead Associations (SCHHA), Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, Hui Kako'o 'Āina Ho'opulapula (Hui) and the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (AHCC) developed. The organizations put in countless hours of hard work, time, energy and research into this outstanding presentation.--Editor

The four organizations united to inform communities on the Akaka Bill, currently before Congress, which would provide the avenue for formal recognition by the federal government of a Native Hawaiian government in Hawai'i. Organizers also examined the Arakaki lawsuit. The suit seeks to eliminate the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and therefore the programs they administer. Developed under a Public Policy Project of the SCHHA and Hui, the workshops explored the economic and

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Governor's Message: Fulfilling Commitments To Native Hawaiians



We are at a critical time in the history of our State, especially for Native Hawaiians. Working together, we have the opportunity to finally fulfill commitments made to Native Hawaiians decades ago.

The core philosophy that guides me as I navigate the waters ahead is the belief that the Hawaiian people and culture indeed make Hawai'i "Hawai'i." If our Native people do not feel that things are "pono," Hawai'i cannot prosper. It is this guiding philosophy that took me to Washington D.C. in February to lobby our federal government on behalf of all the people of

Hawai'i and continues to be one of the focus points of my administration.

It is critical that government officials speak clearly and from the heart about the importance of perpetuating our native people in this wonderful place that we all call home.

Chairman Micah Kane, Deputy to the Chairman Ben Henderson and Executive Assistant Kaulana Park have been tasked with very ambitious goals, most importantly, to give every beneficiary on the waiting list an opportunity for home ownership or land stewardship. I am confident they will spend every waking hour achieving this goal, not because I have asked them to, but because they believe as I do, that it is the right thing to do.

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It's Very Important to Keep DHHL Informed of Address Changes

Since the Department of Hawaiian Homes Lands makes all notifications, including homestead lease offerings, through the mail, not keeping your address current may result in your not receiving important information and the possibility of Hawaiian Homes Commission deferral of your application from future lease offerings.

As the department works towards the beginning of new lease offerings, we appeal to you to please keep us informed of any changes of address in writing. The department's administrative rules state that an "applicant for a

homestead lease shall notify the department, in writing, of any change in address within fifteen calendar days of such change." Unfortunately, thousands of applicants fail to do so and, as a result, the department spends thousands of dollars on returned mail postage. This waste of trust assets could have been used to fund other projects.

If you plan to move, or have family or friends that have moved, please help us stay in touch by completing the handy change of address form included in this issue of *Ka Nūhou*.

Changing Mailing address?

Don't forget that you must notify (in writing) the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands of any changes in your mailing address in order to remain eligible for a Hawaiian home land award. Complete the form below and mail it to:

State of Hawaii
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
P.O. Box 1879
Honolulu, Hawaii 96805
Attn: Change of Address

We **must have** your **current** mailing address on file at all times. *All notifications, including lease offerings, are made through the mail.* After six months, the U.S. Postal Service will not forward mail to your new address. Please remember, it is **your** responsibility to notify us in writing of any mailing address change.

☐ Applicant ☐ Lessee ☐ Both

Print Full Name: _____

Social Security Number: _____

New Mailing Address: _____

Signature & Date: _____

Telephone No. Home _____ Bus. _____

(If any of the information printed on the address label is incorrect, please correct the information by using this form.)

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HHC Bids Aloha to Commissioners Agpalsa, Rose & Tomoso

On June 24th the Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC) bid farewell to three of its members. These three commissioners, Wonda Mae Agpalsa, Crystal K. Rose and John A. H. Tomoso, will be sorely missed. Their terms of service all expired on June 30, 2003. In honor of their dedicated and selfless service, the Hawaiian Homes Commission adopted resolutions acknowledging each of them.

Commissioner Wonda Mae Agpalsa was cited for her "commitment to help native Hawaiians achieve economic self-sufficiency and the goal of home ownership." With her background in banking and mortgage lending, she has been "invaluable to the Commission in its deliberations." As a project coordinator for First Hawaiian Bank, Agpalsa was instrumental in the development of the OHA Loan Program. Commissioner Agpalsa gave a heartfelt speech at the meeting. She leaves us with the following mana'o: "As commissioners, we have an important role. That role is to help our Hawaiian people to achieve their goals. Goals of owning a home, of being a farmer, of being self-sustaining. We must all persevere, stand proud, be proud and lead by example, working together to achieve our goals."

With her legal background, Commissioner Crystal K. Rose was cited for her knowledge of commercial, real estate, construction and trust law. She was also acknowledged for her service as a member and past chairperson on the State Board of Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects and an

active member of the Native Hawaiian Bar Association for nearly a decade. She also serves on the CEO Board of Advisors of Kamehameha Schools.



Aloha to Commissioners Agpalsa, Rose and Tomoso--Posing for a picture at the June 24 Regular Meeting are: (seated from left to right) Herring Kulua (East Hawai'i), Henry Cho (West Hawai'i) and Wonda Mae Agpalsa (O'ahu). Standing are: Exec. Assistant Kaulana Park, HHC Chairman Micah Kane, Quentin Kawanakoa (O'ahu), Thomas Contrades (Kaua'i), John Tomoso (Maui); Commission Secretary Sherry Humphrey, Milton Pa (Molokai) and Deputy Director Ben Henderson. Missing from the photo is Commissioner Crystal K. Rose.

Commissioner John A.H. Tomoso was acknowledged for his "caring heart and keen sense of what is 'pono' or right." He was acknowledged for serving as the Maui County Executive on Aging and as a program specialist with the County's Department of Housing and Human Concerns and for "selflessly" sharing his wisdom and experiences with the newer Commission members and the department's administration. Tomoso is

a member of the Academy of Certified Social Workers and a recipient of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs' Ke Kukui Mālamalama Award for excellence in Hawaiian education.

Tomoso shared this mana'o with the Commission and staff after the formal meeting, "There are elements of our nationhood formulating and our people are rising up out of the loses. Nationhood is literally bubbling up in front of our eyes, those things we have lamented on are becoming known. All of the hard work I shared with you on this Commission is coming to fruition. This is an exciting time to be Hawaiian...to be self-determined and ready to take our places." Commissioner Tomoso had this advice for the new commissioners, "be inclusive and listen." He went on to thank the other commissioners and staff at DHHL for being a part of his maturity and education in things Hawaiian.

The HHC acknowledged and commended the three for their outstanding service and extended the gratitude and appreciation of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, the native Hawaiian beneficiaries whose interest it represents, the staff of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and the State of Hawai'i and all its people for their devotion, dedication and sincerity in serving the people of Hawai'i.

Mana'o: Prince Kūhiō's Dying Words

Prince Kūhiō was given the last state funeral held in Hawai'i for an ali'i. On his deathbed, Kūhiō urged his friends to continue fighting for native rights--and his advice still remains useful today: "Stick together and try to agree to the best of your ability to meet the most important problem: The rehabilitation of our race."

DHHL Solves VA Loan Funding Lapse

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) announced in early June that it would be an intermediary source of funding for those families who have been hit by the shortfall in funds set aside by the Veteran Affairs (VA) loan program. While the shortfall is not directly related to the department, DHHL felt the urgency of the issue and was determined to act in a proactive manner and help the VA in any way it could.

According to Micah Kane, Director of DHHL, "We have come up with an immediate solution, to advance the outstanding amounts on the loans until the VA receives a new funding allocation at which time the department will be reimbursed."

Micah Kane went on to say: "We understand the situation, the human side of the

issue. These beneficiaries who received a piece of land to call their own have secured a loan for the VA to build their dream home. To begin construction and watch as the foundation was poured, only to find out that there isn't any money left to complete the home must be devastating."

DHHL has a very good working relationship with the VA. Together DHHL and the VA have made millions of dollars available to native Hawaiians for home mortgage financing. These loans have allowed native Hawaiians the opportunity to build at an affordable price on Hawaiian home lands. The department is committed to continuing to work towards putting native Hawaiians on the land and to fulfilling the vision of Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole.

'With Just One Voice:'

Second Annual Native Hawaiian Conference Set for August

Native Hawaiian community development issues will be the focus of a 3 1/2-day conference at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel on August 27 through August 30. Coordinated by the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA), the conference entitled "Me Ho'okahi Leo Wale Nō – With Just One Voice," will provide a forum to share information, exchange ideas, and celebrate community development initiatives in Native Hawaiian communities.

"The talent and energy found here in the Hawaiian community, along with the partnerships now being forged in greater numbers will promote lasting, positive change for the betterment of all of Hawai'i," said CNHA President Robin Danner. "This is an exciting time to be focused on Native Hawaiian community development."

Each day's schedule will feature plenary presentations and community development workshops. Among the plenary speakers confirmed are Governor Linda Lingle; Congressman Neil Abercrombie; Micah Kane, chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Dr. Juvenna Chang of the Kamehameha Schools; Tex Hall, president of the National Congress of American Indians;

and Puni Kekauoha, president of the Papakōlea Community Development Corporation. Community Development Workshop topics will include financial man-

agement, public relations and media for non-profit organizations, as well as a UCLA law clinic on constitutions. In addition, this year's conference will open with a segment coordinated in partnership with Nā Lei Na'auao, the Native Hawaiian Charter School Alliance, which will be devoted entirely to kupuna and 'ōpio (elders and youth) issues.

"This timely event is an important step forward for all of us," said Hawaiian Homes Commission Chairman Micah Kane. "The conference provides an important opportunity for Native Hawaiians to discuss the many challenges and issues facing our community and to plan the actions needed to address them."

Last year's conference drew over 500 attendees together and created opportunities for businesses, public policy officials and com-

munity leaders to share their vision with one of the largest audiences focused on Native Hawaiian community development challenges. "What came from our first conference was the clear message that what challenges the Hawaiian community in our state, challenges all of Hawai'i. There are so many Native Hawaiian organizations doing vital work in our communities, meeting these challenges head on, and the conference provides us an opportunity to celebrate that work and its impact," says Brandi Lau, CNHA vice president and director of events.

The lead sponsors for this year's conference are American Savings Bank, Bank of Hawai'i, First Hawaiian Bank, and the State of Hawai'i's Community Based Economic Development Division. A limited number of scholarships for registration are being provided by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

The Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA) is a statewide, non-profit organization that provides support services to other Native Hawaiian organizations. CNHA coordinates informational events, such as the conference, and provides technical assistance and training focused on Native Hawaiian communities.

Anyone interested in attending the Second Annual Native Hawaiian Conference should contact CNHA at its Honolulu office at (800) 709-2642 or visit their website at www.hawaiiancouncil.org.



U.S. Delegate to Congress Eni Faleomavaega of American Samoa and State Representative Michael Kahikina sing a duet during last year's Native Hawaiian Conference. Last year's conference drew over 500 attendees.

DHHL Secures Additional \$9.6 Million From HUD

Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Mike Liu and Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) Chairman Micah Kane announced on June 14 that an additional \$9.6 million will be allocated to DHHL for the 2003-2004 budget cycle. The money is earmarked for homeownership programs for native Hawaiians whose earnings fall under 80 percent of the median income.

Liu stated: "I am proud to be back home in Hawai'i on behalf of the Bush Administration to make this very important announcement. I am pleased with the progress DHHL has made in effectively using this federal program to meet the housing needs of the native Hawaiian community. These efforts promote the goals of self-sufficiency and help families achieve the dream of homeownership. Micah Kane has demonstrated an ability to meet these challenges early in his tenure as chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, and I am confident the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant program will enjoy continued success."

Liu was appointed by President Bush in 2001 as Assistant Secretary of HUD and has been a key advocate in moving Hawai'i initiatives forward.

Kane stated, "Having Assistant Secretary Liu looking out for Hawai'i's interest has been a huge plus for us in securing this money from HUD."

In light of local and national concerns that federal funding for Native Hawaiian programs were in jeopardy, the announcement to continue and support a native Hawaiian program strongly indicates the progress Governor Linda Lingle and her administration have made in communicating with the Department of Justice and the White House. Two days earlier, Governor Lingle announced that the U.S. Department of Education had resumed the process to distribute approximately \$31 million in federal grants for education programs under the Native Hawaiian Education Act.

The Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) was passed in 1996 and broadened to include Native Hawaiians in 2000. In 2002, DHHL received

its first grant of \$9.6 million for affordable housing activities, which includes phase 3 of the Malu'ohai DHHL development. This grant for an additional \$9.6 million will be used to further expand Hawaiian home lands affordable housing activities.



DHHL Chairman Micah Kane and Charles Spencer assess the progress of the self-help homes at Phase 3 of the Malu'ohai subdivision at Kapolei. Forty-five self-help homes make up this project which is being funded, in part, by the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant program. Asst. HUD Secretary Mike Liu announced that HUD will be allocating an additional \$9.6 million to DHHL for the next budget cycle.

DHHL Breaks Ground for New Homesteads at the Pana'ewa Residence Lots

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands held a groundbreaking ceremony for an infrastructure improvement project that develops a new 40-lot subdivision on 20.8 acres at the Big Island's Pana'ewa Residence Lots on Tuesday, July 22. Governor Linda Lingle, Hawaii County Managing Director Dixie Kaetsu and community leaders joined the Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC) for the ceremony.



Kumuhula Kekuhi Kanahele (front center) gives the oli during the opening of the Pana'ewa Residence Lots, Unit 6, groundbreaking ceremony. The 40-lot project is the first to be solely funded by the federal government's NAHASDA program.

"The groundbreaking for Unit 6 of the Pana'ewa Residence Lots is significant for DHHL," said HHC Chairman Micah Kane. "This is the first construction project of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) to solely utilize federal funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Native American Housing

Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA) program."

The NAHASDA program included Native Hawaiian housing when the Hawaiian Homelands Homeownership Act was signed into law on December 27, 2000. The law authorizes DHHL to carry out affordable housing activities for low-income native Hawaiian families (80 percent or below median income) who are eligible to reside on Hawaiian home lands.

"The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is making progress in fulfilling Prince Kūhiō's vision of returning native Hawaiians to the land," said Governor Linda Lingle. "The

Pana'ewa project is another example of DHHL's commitment to developing healthy, self-sufficient Hawaiian communities and helping more beneficiaries realize their dreams of homeownership."

The on-site improvements for the \$1.62 million project include access roads, a drainage system, a water distribution system and an overhead electrical distribution systems. Lot sizes range from 15,000 square feet to 22,000 square feet and are targeted for families on the Hawai'i Island Residential Waiting List with incomes up to 80 percent of the Hawai'i County median income. The estimated completion of construction is March 2004.



Breaking the ground of Unit 6 of the Pana'ewa Residence Lots are: (from the left) Hawai'i County Managing Director Dixie Kaetsu; Pana'ewa Hawaiian Home Lands Community Association President Charlene Manu; Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC) Chairman Micah Kane; Governor Linda Lingle; Pastor Gaymond Apaka of Keaukaha's New Hope Christian Fellowship; East Hawaii HHC member Herring Kalua; and Isemoto Contracting Co. President Leslie Isemoto. Lot sizes for the 40-lot subdivision range from 15,000 to 22,000 square feet.

Home Depot Coming to Waiākea

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) announced in May that Home Depot was the winning bidder for an 11-acre parcel located at the corners of Maka'ala Street, 'Ōhu'ōhu Street and Railroad Avenues in Waiākea, South Hilo. Home Depot was among several companies expressing its interest in entering the Hilo market.

"This is clearly a win-win situation for our department, our beneficiaries and the greater community of Hilo," said Hawaiian Homes Commission Chairman Micah Kane.

The deal will bring a needed boost to the economy and is estimated to create approximately 175 new jobs. Kane stated

that Home Depot is envisioning a 130,501 square foot site with a total construction cost of \$13.2 million.

"Revenue generated from projects like this will help us to achieve the department's goal of giving our beneficiaries an opportunity for home ownership and land stewardship," according to Kane. "Fulfilling that commitment to native Hawaiians is a priority for us, and we need to continue to identify ways to generate revenue to allow our department to better service our beneficiary population."

This project will also dovetail perfectly with the other current DHHL efforts in the area. The Pana'ewa Residential Lots Unit 6 project includes self-help building and

having Home Depot in the area will be an opportunity for the owner-builders to get quality materials and training at competitive prices.

The property is zoned General Commercial (GC) District and is in the vicinity of the Prince Kūhiō Plaza, Hilo's major shopping center. Other major retail developments concentrated in the area include the Waiākea Center (anchored by Wal-Mart), KTA's Pūāinako center, Pūāinako Town Center and Ginger Patch Commercial Center.

DHHL expects to complete General Lease negotiations in September of 2003 with a scheduled opening of the facility in the Fall of 2004.

Chairman's Message: The Foundation First, Then the Building



If we try to be all things to all people, we will be nothing to everyone.

Efforts during this administration will be FOCUSED--focused on those things we do well and poised to enter into partnerships when assistance is needed.

We have spent the past seven months finalizing our strategic plan and have begun the implementation process. The strategic plan requires us to focus on our core responsibilities:

1) sustain our trust in perpetuity; 2) support our current lessees; 3) get more native Hawaiians on the land; and 4) support the administration in achieving federal recognition. Everything we do, day-in and day-out, will apply to these primary objectives.

While legal challenges are mounting against us in our ability to exist as a department, we are also at a time of tremendous opportunity. There are more Hawaiians appointed to the Governor's cabinet than at any time in the history of our State, and we have a Governor that will stand hand-in-hand with us on tough issues.

Governor Lingle has made it a priority to move the Akaka Bill forward. Under her leadership, we are working in tandem with the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, Hui Kako'o 'Aina Ho'opulapula, State Council of Hawaiian Homestead Associations and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. While we have made tremendous progress, the road ahead is not without hurdles. It is critical that we continue to speak with one voice as we move the Akaka Bill forward.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my colleagues on the Hawaiian Homes Commission – Tommy Contrades, Herring Kalua, Henry Cho, Quentin Kawanakoa, Mahina Martin, Trish Morikawa, Milton Pa and Colin Ka'alele. We have a solid team of committed commissioners. I am grateful for their support as we step into a new era. It will result in big dividends for our people as we continue to build our foundation.

'O ke kahua mamua, mahope ke kūkulu
(The foundation first, then the building)

Micah A. Kane, Chairman
Hawaiian Homes Commission

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social impact of the legislation and lawsuits, as well as how public policy is formed. The "Lawsuits and Legislation: The Arakaki Lawsuit and the Akaka Bill Explained" Workshops were scheduled for every island throughout June and July.

"The SCHHA, Hui, and the Civic Clubs have joined together to present workshops on the most critical piece of public policy since the Overthrow," said SCHHA Chairman Tony Sang of Waimanalo. "...Workshops were conducted on every island to present important information to both Hawaiians and non-Hawaiians in our state." The SCHHA is a conglomerate of more than 22 homestead associations located in Hawaiian home land areas around the state. SCHHA membership consists of lessees and their families.

Hui Kako'o 'Aina Ho'opulapula is a statewide organization representing the applicants on the waiting list to receive a lease on Hawaiian home lands. Both organizations

work to protect and preserve the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust. "The lawsuits filed against Hawaiian agencies are serious threats to the existence of the Hawaiian Homes program. Every individual on the land in our homestead communities and on the waiting list is at risk," said Hui President Blossom Feiteira.

Joining the SCHHA and Hui in sponsoring these workshops is the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, an organization that supports the social and economic initiatives of Native Hawaiian communities and is comprised of Civic Club officers throughout the state and country. Charlie Rose, AHCC President, remarked, "We are standing together to educate all of the people in Hawaii. The issues at hand, the outcome of the lawsuits and the legislation pending in the Congress will touch every single person in Hawaii, not just Native Hawaiians. These workshops were aimed to help Hawaiians and the general public to understand the magnitude of the threat and gave a comprehensive review of what Senator Akaka's legislation really does."

The SCHHA and Hui obtained the assistance of the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA) to develop and present

the workshop content. CNHA is a non-profit technical assistance provider that assists Native Hawaiian organizations with community development issues and public policy initiatives important to Hawaiian communities. For more information, contact the SCHHA at 853.2000 or CNHA at 800.709.2642.

'Governor's Message'

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The leadership and staff of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands has my full support and the cooperation of my administration in carrying out these initiatives. We will work collectively with all stakeholders as we move toward fulfilling our obligation to Native Hawaiians and all the people of Hawai'i.

Mahalo for your support.
Me Ke Aloha Pumehana,

Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: Linda Chang

She's known as the "Flower Lady" to newer DHHL staff members. Every week, Linda Mae Chang harvests an exquisite arrangement of heliconia, ginger, lehua, gardenia or orchids from the garden of her Kailua home to grace the 20th floor foyer at DHHL's Honolulu office.

Like some of her flowers, Linda Mae Chang is the sturdy, long-lasting staff genealogist who handles the complex cases with grace, dignity and poise.

To veteran DHHL staff members, Chang is the committed and caring person who came out of a well-deserved retirement to head the Homestead Services Division's Applications Office.

What drives this lady to continue to serve after retirement? Her commitment and dedication show as she answered: "It's interesting work and it is rewarding when a complex case is completed. Genealogy affects the entire family. It takes patience to work with documents and it becomes a great burden to some people. And I enjoy working with a team of warm and caring individuals."

Having served under nine Hawaiian Homes Commission chairmen since the term of Abraham Piianaia in the early 1960s, Chang is excited about working with the new administration and her beautiful arrangements are a reflection of her caring dedication.



Linda Chang and husband Mitchell pose during a break at May Day festivities at Kapiolani Park where she was judging the lei-making contest. The Changs are celebrating 43 years of marriage.

2003 Hawaiian Homes Commission Meeting Schedule

The meeting schedule for the Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC) for the remainder of the 2003 calendar year is listed below. Homestead community meetings continue through December.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEETING TYPE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
August 25	Community	7:00 p.m.	Waimea, Hawai'i
August 26	Regular	9:00 a.m.	Waimea, Hawai'i
September 22	Community	7:00 p.m.	Paukūkalo, Maui
September 23	Regular	9:00 a.m.	Paukūkalo, Maui
October 20	Community	7:00 p.m.	Lana'i City, Lana'i
October 21	Regular	9:00 a.m.	Lana'i City, Lana'i
November 17	Community	7:00 p.m.	Nanakuli, O'ahu
November 18	Regular	9:00 a.m.	Honolulu (DHHL)
December 15	Community	7:00 p.m.	Waimānalo, O'ahu
December 16	Regular	9:00 a.m.	Honolulu (DHHL)

All are welcome at these meetings!

Kauhale Kūpuna O Waimānalo

There is a wonderful Hawaiian kūpuna community located in Waimānalo near the beach. The thing that makes it so wonderful is that it is filled with our kūpuna -- their laugh, smiles and good fun ways. When you visit, you can't help but feel as if you are lucky. With the Ko'olau mountain range in one direction and the beach in the other, you'll certainly say: "lucky we live Hawai'i."

In an effort to fill the remaining slots in the community project also referred to as Kulana Kauhale Maluhia O Nā Kūpuna, DHHL along with its partners, Pacific Housing, Prudential Locations LLC, Alu Like and OHA, have launched a new grassroots marketing campaign.

There are a variety of aspects to this new campaign. For a limited time, the first month's rent is free and for every person the residents refer they will receive an incentive. Along with that effort, representatives from the partnership are going out into our homestead communities to spread the word and do presentations for civic clubs and other kupuna organizations. Also, be on the look out for the new brochure, radio spots on KINE, and newspaper advertisements.

It is our goal here at DHHL to help the vision of our community become a reality. This project for our kūpuna was created because the communities expressed the need for it. We all want a safe, affordable place for our independent kūpuna to enjoy life and have access to all the modern amenities. This is just one way the department can succeed in fulfilling the vision of our prince, Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole. The vision is to restore native Hawaiians to the land. It is our mission to create healthy, self-sustaining native Hawaiian communities for the betterment of future generations.

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